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BIG SQUAW AUCTION.

Annual Sale of Brides by the Co-Manche Indians.

Amy Parker, Daughter of Noted Chief, Sold to Wild Horse for 63 Ponies - Other Maidens Also Brought Good Prices.

A correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean writes that the annual distribution of Comanche Indian brides has just occurred at the Saddle Mountain mission, in southern Oklahoma. Fifty of the prettiest women of the tribe were sold at public auction as the wives of tribesmen who bid them in. This barbaric custom was to have been discontinued by the Comanches last year, but it went on more boldly than ever this season, being conducted under the very eyes of the white settlers.

The festival of the Comanche "pony smoke," as this ceremony is called, is of more than passing interest. Seldom are so many young squaws auctioned off as was done this year, but the surplus was great and needed thinning out, according to the head men of the tribe. Their parents, refusing to keep them any longer, the girls naturally needed homes somewhere, and it was deemed best by the medicine men to auction them off as wives, the highest bidders to take their choice. Big Bow, a monstrous fat and ugly redskin, acted as the auctioneer. He was assisted by a number of medicine men, who performed the marriage ceremonies after the sales had been made.

Five hundred Indians gathered at the Saddle Mountain mission. This mission is located 30 miles directly range of the Wichita mountains. The girls who were sold had been confined him. in a lodge for three weeks prior to this meeting, and were well fed and extremely well groomed. They were all clad in gay colors, and their hair arranged in perfect Indian fashion. It was plain to see that their parents had prepared them to bring fancy prices. The girls were in various



TRIED TO KILL HER HUSBAND.

moods; some hysterical, others calm. and not a few delighted with the ex-

Among others was a daughter of the famous Quahnah Parker, the noted Comanche Indian chief. This daughter, whose name is Amy, had displeased him by attempting to run away and marry a white man, and a cowboy at that, so Parker decided Parties contemplating going that the best thing would be to sell her at auction. This is the first time that neighbors a highly cultivated red man, has ever allowed any of his relatives to be sacrificed at the auction block. But the wrath of an Indian

parent knows no bounds. Sad and silent, Amy Parker was led to the block for sale. The irst bid was 11 ponies. Jack Wild Horse, a wellknown scout of the tribe, was the bidder. He was immediately raised by a rival, likewise a scout. This latter claimant bid 15. Others then cut in, and Miss Parker was run up to 50 ponies. Her face grew pale when she saw that Wild Horse was determined to get her, as he is known as the most desperate savage on the reservation when drunk and angered. It is said that he has killed three wives when drunk. Wild Horse, however, won the young squaw for 63 ponies. The stock was turned over to Parker, and a medicine man married Wild Horse and the squaw, according to the Comanche rites. The couple then went to El Reno, where a regular marriage license was issued to them and the ceremony repeated by a pale-face minister. Although the marriage took place only three days ago, a dispatch from Lawton says that she attempted to commit suicide after failing in an him to state his business. attempt to kill her new husband. Other young women objected quite

as strongly as Miss Parker did to being auctioned off, but it did them no good whatever. Big Bow went ahead was sold. The lowest bid made for any of them was 20 ponies. This was the price paid for a half-breed woman who had been married to a white man, but, the latter having died, she reverted back to her parents again.

In all over 1,500 ponies changed hands in the three days of the big bridal auction. Not for many years have the squaws commanded such spirited bidding and big prices as in this latest event of its kind among the Comanches.

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BEES IN HIS PARLOR.

But Owner of the House Didn't Know It Until the Busy Insects Began to Sting Him.

For some time past bees have been annoying the family of James R. Clements, of Rochester, N. Y. Every day or so a bee would crawl out of the opening made for one of the sliding doors between the sitting-room and the parlor. Lazily poising itself, the bee would fly about the room until its career was cut short by a slap from the palm of Mr. Clements or somebody else in the house. But another bee would come forth to take the place of the slaughtered

It finally dawned upon Mr. Clements that he was keeping bees in his



"HONEY! BUSHELS OF IT."

house. The discovery made no parsouth of Mountain View, and on the ticular impression on him until the other day, when one of them stung

Hot water was thereupon procured and the spot whence the bees issued was deluged with it, but hot water was a failure so far as concerns the extermination of the bees. So were other devices for circumventing insect marauders in the homes of men

While Mr. Clements was still hot upon the trail of the bees another member of the family came into contact with one of the small disturbers, and after a brief struggle, although the bee was destroyed, a couple of pieces of furniture were sacrificed and the happiness of the family was disturbed.

That night carpenters were sent for, and upon the day following there was a sound of loud hammering and ripping and tearing of wood. Mr. Clements, from another part of the house, directed the attack.

The workmen tore away a couple of partitions and then discovered that a whole swarm of bees had taken up its abode there. Many had perished, but still there was a large, active contingent, and they resisted the intrusion. But sweet were the

fruits of victory. "Honey! bushels of it!" shouted EYE AND MOUNT VERNO one of the carpenters, tearing into WHISKIES A SPECIALTY. the room where Mr. Clements was

Further investigation, after the bees had been driven away, showed the presence of 30 pounds of delicious honey. It cost Mr. Clements \$185 to put his house in repair.

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Life Insurance Man Meets a Bright Youngster and His Waterloo at the Same Time.

He was comparatively new at the business and had already found out that the life of an insurance agent is not all a bed of roses, but he was fully determined to make a good record in the small town he had selected for his operations. At one house



"I HAVE NO HUSBAND."

young woman, who waited calmly for "Is your husband insured, madam?" he began, in an ingratiating fashion.

"No," she responded. "Indeed!" he answered, confident that he had found a bonanza. "De with the sale until every one of them you not think he should be insured?" "No," with the same calmness.

This was a staggerer, but he promptly rallied. "Why, madam, do you not think that he owes it as a sacred duty to you and his family that his life

should be insured?

was closed.

"No; I do not." "You do not! Will you please tell me why?" "Certainly. I have no husband. Good morning." And the interview

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